

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Monday
December 2, 2002
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Evergreen Recreation Center located at 2700 N. Woodland. In attendance were (10) District Advisory Board Members, (7) City staff members and (5) citizens. Approximately (22) were in attendance.

Members Present

Dick Rumsey
Maurine Willis
Bob Schreck
Annie Best
Bickley Foster
Jaya Escobar
Kyle Irvin-youth
Florena Schneweis
Rosalie Bradley
John Cohoon
Bob Wine
Terri Dozal
Sharon Fearey

Members Absent

Linda Matney
David Pendergraft

Guest(s)

Jerry Prichard 1607 N. Clarence, 67203
Mitzi Hall Parents As Teachers
Berle Willis 3834 Woodrow, 67204
Wendell Turner 2623 Fairview 67204
Dave Herberger 3059 W. 13th Street, 67207

Staff

Kurt Schroeder, OCI
Mike Carney Water/Sewer Dept.
Sgt. Alex Robinson/ Patrol North
Officer John Ryan/ Patrol North
Officer Glen Kyle/ Patrol West

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and welcomed guests, as well as asking DAB members to introduce themselves and the area they represented.

Approval of Minutes

November 4, 2002 minutes were approved with the following amendments

(Cohoon/Bradley 10-0)

- 1 Page 3: **Member Best** stated she is **not** in support of franchising trash service. Minutes read she was in support.
- 2 Page 4: *Neighborhood Report for North Riverside* stating 13th and Bitting all the houses have been sold should read the shopping center was sold and remove the statement of more mobile homes will be put in.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. **(Schreck/Foster 10-0)**

PUBLIC AGENDA

The Public Agenda contains requests from members of the public who desire to present matters to the Board. Each presenter will be allowed five (5) minutes of presentation time to clarify the issue, provide background information, and identify the requested action. Printed materials are encouraged.

No items were submitted

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

1. Community Police Report

Patrol North - Sgt. Robinson discussed:

- At 11th and Broadway we are conducting traffic speeding sting operation this evening due to many complaints.
- 701 E. 21st the new Day Reporting Center, officers are now residing in a Mini Station office during daytime hours doing paperwork.
- Conducting Prostitution Stings - from 21st to Central streets and several arrests have been made. Officers working with Historic Midtown Resource Center on prostitution problems.
- Several Officers worked a clean up with the Pleasant Valley School students and collected a lot of trash and tires.
- NOTE (Neighborhood Oriented Traffic Enforcement) project at 13TH/ & Broadway due to many accidents. Officer Kimble working on Morning NOTE
- Officers are tutoring with Head Start and North High students.
- Increased Graffiti at 21st & Arkansas streets. Targeted suspects are being watched.
- New Police Beats and Boundaries to be presented to City Council in December.
- Celebrate Safety Campaign includes Officers *Franco, Silva and Kimble*.

Member Foster inquired about the burglaries noted in last month's minutes, has this gotten any better? Sgt. Robinson couldn't say specifically but noted 41 Beat has had burglaries.

Patrol West - Officer Kyle, Beat 11 commented it has been slow and we continue with a few burglaries. Both female and male purse-snatcher is in custody. Not working on any large projects at this time. Kyle stated he is looking into the Westdale and Zoo protective left turn signals.

Member Rumsey asked when would we see some progress? Will it be resolved prior to the Westdale street closing?

Kyle responded he was not sure and hopes it's resolved soon. The concern is whether this is the responsibility of state, county or city.

Member Foster stated that success for the officers is when business is slow.

*******Action Taken: Receive and File**

2. Itinerant Merchant Permit presentation

Kurt Schroeder, Office of Central Inspection Director presented the different options and associated advantages/disadvantages for enforcement of itinerant merchant permits by reviewing the Draft submitted by the staff review committee to DAB members.

Following are comments and/or questions asked by members: *responses in italics*

- What is temporary or how is it defined? *Generally, anything 180 days or less, but not clearly defined (perhaps it should be) For Limited Commercial its 2 days a month. Basically restricted by zoning.*
- Itinerant Merchant in malls, aren't they already paying to the malls to be selling from there? *This will depend on the wording in the ordinance. Most merchants are now controlled by the Simon properties.*
- Will this effect not for profit sales like Boy Scouts? *This does not cover door-to-door sales. If Boy Scouts want to sell Christmas trees, would fall under another special provision in City Code (separate from the ordinance currently being reviewed) for schools, churches and non-profits that allow such groups to conduct Christmas tree, pumpkin and "white*

elephant” type sales for 30-60 days if conducted on the church, school or non-profit premise. If not on the Boy Scout property, Boy Scouts would probably be subject to obtaining a “stand” license so that off-site location could be checked for zoning appropriateness, etc.

- Will this conflict with state statute? *NO we would not propose anything that conflicts with the state law.*
- Option 3 = disadvantage discusses duplication? *Looking at resolving this. The State Law for “itinerant “ merchants requires that the County Clerk monitor and issue such licenses, and City is working with County to see if City could do this for the County Clerk when issued in City of Wichita. This would help avoid any duplication of services whereby both the City and County are issuing licenses for the same merchant.*
- Are fireworks included? *NO.*
- This is a great disadvantage to local merchants of smaller towns
- Advantage in designated locations such as the Farm and Art Market building.
- Vendors inside malls, I disagree due to no incentive for the malls to police permits.
- Do they have to get license for a hot dog feed outside a store to bring people in? *Yes they need to get a stand license.*
- How will this affect trade shows? *What makes a trade show, is it nationally recognized, needs to be careful as how to word the ordinance. Staff would foresee that the ordinance would be worded so that perhaps only a single license would be needed for the organizer of the event, but that the organizer would have to assure and provide information necessary to show that all the participating vendors will meet requirements of new ordinance provisions, etc.*
- Plaza Mexico do they have a license? **Council Member Fearey** responded *Plaza Mexico might be treated like an Antique Mall. Owner/Landlord makes tenants possibly sign a lease.*
- Is the River Festival controlled under one license? *Yes, this is a special Civic event.*
- Option 3 is best of all

***** **Action Taken:** Recommend Option 3 and return to DAB VI with the final draft.
(Schreck/Willis 10-0).

Mr. Schroeder stated the draft was to be reviewed by all the DAB’s and then the final evaluation to be taken to the City Council.

3. **North Area Sanitary Sewer Project**

Dave Herberger, from Wilson and Company presented a final report study showing alternatives and cost estimates for providing sanitary sewer service to the Rio Vista and Riverview neighborhoods. The DAB members received this information prior to the meeting. Mike Carney, Assistant Planner for Water/Sewer Department was also in attendance.

Mr. Herberger stated the vacuum system has been selected for this area. We want to do public education and let the residents know what we plan on doing. Plans are to construct two vacuum stations at first and in later years involve the lateral units for the septic systems. Hopefully we can form a benefit district and provide sewer mains for other areas as there is interest from other developers near 61st and Meridian if we offer this.

Following are question/comments from DAB members: *responses in italics*

- ♦ What will the cost be to residents? *\$300.00 one time or annual over 15 years equals 20 or 25 cents per sq. ft.*

- ◆ Is there drinking water available? *No water yet but there are water mains in this area but we're not forcing people to connect.*
- ◆ What is the estimated time line on installing mains? *We hope by 2004 to have this done, we want to be aggressive in the production.*
- ◆ Are there vacuum systems already in use? *This is the first in Kansas. There are systems being used in Albuquerque, New Mexico.*
- ◆ Have you had time to evaluate any problems this system would have? *The only thing we have seen is lots of valve maintenance*
- ◆ How did the septic tanks get started? How old are the houses? *The houses are around 40-50 years old, but some are newer. This is the largest single area with standard lots and septic systems.*
- ◆ Will this system hold garbage disposal units? *Yes, because it is a vacuum with three inch opening and will include disposable of diapers.*
- ◆ How will you organize the neighbors to this hear about this system? *I'm not sure; there are 2000 households in this area. We will work with Council Member Fearey on this. Also Public Works department will be involved?*
- ◆ 15.22/mo. is that all-inclusive? *This is for the lateral portion; it doesn't include the \$300 assessment for infrastructure.*
- ◆ Have you discussed with the school district about Earhart school? *No.*

Member Schreck commented this neighborhood didn't want streetlights. Start tearing up these people streets they're going to get mad. Carney responded this is a Public Health and Safety issue. We feel this is part of the reason the Arkansas River has Fecal Coliform. Something has to be done.

******* Action Taken: Receive and File**

Youth member Irvin left at 8:30 p.m.

BOARD AGENDA

4. Parents as Teachers

Mitzi Hall, USD 259 presented a video and brochures on the *Parents as Teachers* program and answered a few questions. This free program has been in Wichita for 12 years and is for parents to enhance their child's learning from infancy to five years of age. Scientific studies show this program increases a child's brain development.

Member Foster asked if there was a waiting list and a program for recognizing abused children? *Ms. Hall* responded there are 650 people in the program and between 200-300 on a waiting list. We look at serving the most needed families first. If we see a situation where we think abuse is going on we turn that over to the SRS and we are connected to lots of social service agencies. Most families involved are a concerned parent, that's why they call us. This program also saves money for schools because we are able to see if children may have problems at an early start. *Ms. Hall* proceeded to discuss the facility on South Main where parents can come and "Make it and Take it" activities for working with their children at home. Also you can check out toys for children and take them home for a few days.

******* Action Taken: Receive and File**

5. Problem Properties

- Buckled sidewalk continues at Keywest and Meridian.

******* Action Taken: Receive and propose appropriate action.**

6. **Neighborhood Reports**

Sherwood Glen: Pedestrian bridge has been set in.

Benjamin Hills: Neighbors noticed water coming out of the Park at 21st and the bend going into the River. I called the neighborhood assistant to inquire what was going on. She found out that the Water Department is doing water testing at three sites for possible future use of the river being used as drinking water.

***** **Action Taken: Receive and file**

7. **Neighborhood Matching Grants-**

A. **Historic Midtown Citizens Association-Celebrate Safely Campaign**

******Action taken: Motion to Award \$ \$1125.00 for Public Safety education to reduce celebratory gunfire. (Bradley/Willis 10-0)*

Member Foster pointed out that gunfire is a serious offense and not only for the Midtown area. **Member Rumsey** commented it was wonderful for the number of people there are to be involved. **Council Member Fearey** explained that word of mouth has involved more people. This was started in 1994, to reduce gunfire. Jerry Gaddis lives at 21st and Fairview and on New Year's went outside and used his video camera to show the gunfire. Since that time, with more education, there has shown a reduction of incidents. Question asked if some of this grant was to pay Karole Bradford? Response was that Ms. Bradford's work is mostly funded by grants.

B. **Sherwood Glen-Pedestrian Bridge**

******Action taken: Motion to Award \$1000.00 for setting the Pedestrian Bridge to connect sidewalk approaches at 37th and Woodrow Floodway. (Schreck/Cohoon 9-0 - Willis abstain)*

Members requested if a final report or periodic review could be submitted on all grants. It was stated, in the next 6th District Newsletter a status report would be given on all the grants.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **DAB Retreat** – Date set for Wednesday, January 18, 2003. Council Member Fearey stated she was entering her third year for serving on the City Council and would like to have a more formal process for DAB selection in June 2003. Many of you have served already three years and may want to have new representatives from your neighborhoods on the DAB.
2. **Neighborhood Forum** for January 18, 2003/discussion to involve neighborhood residents
3. **UPCOMING TOPICS FOR January DAB MEETING**
 - The 66-inch water line including temporary closure of Westdale street
 - Food vending trucks rules and regulations
 - Follow-up on the Arkansas traffic conditions and traffic control needs
 - Sidewalk Prioritization Plan for major arterial streets within the district.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal
6th District Neighborhood Assistant